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REMARKS

The Applicants have received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.121 because the amendment document filed on March 9, 2004 was considered non-compliant due to its failure to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Specifically, the notice indicates that a complete listing of all of the claims is not present, that each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and that the claims are not presented in ascending order. The notice also states that only the section of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted in its entirety.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.121, the Applicants have provided the entire corrected "Amendment to the Claims" section of the Applicants' amendment filed March 29, 2004. As such, the Applicants request that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be withdrawn and that the amendment of March 29, 2004 be entered.

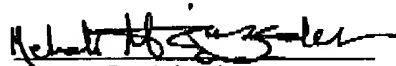
Upon entry of the present amendment, the Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

It is understood by the Applicants that this paper requires no fee; however, authorization is given to charge any necessary filing fees and any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0455.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 734-622-2658.

Respectfully submitted,

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